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MEMORANDUM FOR: DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Document Translation

1. Reference is made to memorandum for Standing Committee of IAC, dated 16 March 1949, subject: "Central Translation of Intelligence Material."

2. Director of Intelligence, GSUSA, Director of Intelligence, USAF, and Director of Naval Intelligence have considered this subject and have agreed that a greater degree of centralization of translation effort is desirable. It is believed that to be really effective and beneficial to all users, this centralization should be outside of the National Military Establishment. It appears that the most logical place for this centralization to be exercised is within the Central Intelligence Agency.

3. It is further agreed that such a centralization of translation effort should not include certain unique and primary-interest translation services essential to the Army, Navy, and Air Force. In general, the functions which it is proposed CIA perform would include:

- a. Coordination of translation effort by master index.
- b. Translation of intelligence material of recognized joint interest.
- c. Translation of other intelligence material upon request.

The Services will continue to provide translation sections to perform primary-interest intelligence and administrative translations for their respective departments.

4. It is essential that funds for the central translation service of common concern be procured by CIA.

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5. It is requested that the above proposal be considered by the Intelligence Advisory Committee, and, if approved, the Director of Central Intelligence take the necessary steps to place the foregoing provisions into effect.

6. Director of Intelligence, Air Force, and Navy have requested me to turn in this recommendation.

/s/
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